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GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR VINCI FEBRUARY 5 DELIVERED A LETTER FROM ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER MORO TO BREZHNEV VIA FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV. ACCORDING TO AN ITALIAN EMBOFF, THE LETTER
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WAS A RESPONSE TO THE JANUARY 7 MESSAGE SENT BY BREZHNEV TO

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MORO (REFTEL). IT RENEWED THE ITALIAN INVITATION TO BREZHNEV TO VISIT ROME, ALTHOUGH WITOUT SPECIFYING A DATE. IT ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE THAT ITALY ATTACHES TO GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT CONCEDED NOTHING ON AN EARLY DATE OR ON THE LEVEL OF THE THIRD STAGE OF CSCE.

2. VINCI HAD TRIED TO DELIVER THE MORO LETTER PERSONALLY TO BREZHNEV AND HAD ASKED THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE MFA FIRST EUROPEAN DIVISION MEDVEDOVSKIY ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH BREZHNEV. MEDVEDOVSKIY DELAYED AN ANSWER FOR SOME TIME; FINALLY AN APPOINTMENT WAS SET UP WITH KUZNETSOV. KUZNETSOV TOLD VINCI THAT HE WOULD SEE THAT THE LETTER WAS DELIVEREDTO BREZHNEV, AND SAID THAT BREZHNEV HAD WANTED TO RECEIVE VINCI PERSONALLY BUT THAT THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE. KUZNETSOV WOULD GIVE NO INDICATION OF WHY BREZHNEV COULD NOT SEE VINCI. VINCI SAID THAT, IF THERE WERE OTHER MESSAGES FROM MORO, HE HOPED HE WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTINITY TO DELIVER THEM PERSONALLY TO BREZHNEV. KUZNETSOV MADE NO RESONSE TO THIS.
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